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SCHOOLS/DISTRICTS EARN CASH IN FOURTH WEEK OF TELL

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Kentucky schools, districts and educators earned cash prizes today for their participation in the fourth and final week of the [Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning](#) (TELL) Kentucky survey.

Michael Dailey, director of the Department of Education's Division of Next-Generation Professionals, [Kentucky Education Association](#) (KEA) President Sharron Oxendine and KEA Executive Director Mary Ann Blankenship joined together to randomly draw winners for Week 4 of the survey and to select two school districts to receive \$1,000 each for participation rates above 50 percent.

The winners are:

- **Week 4, School:** Horizons Academy, Nelson Co.
- **Week 4, Educator:** Prichard Elementary, Carter Co.
- **Districts with 50 Percent or Higher Participation:** Boyd County (87.87%) and Erlanger-Elsmere Independent (91.16%)

Horizons Academy will receive \$1,000 for the school's use. At Prichard Elementary, a random drawing will be held to select a school-level educator from the school to receive \$1,000. Boyd County and Erlanger-Elsmere Independent each will receive \$1,000 for the districts' use.

As of March 29, the statewide response rate is at 80 percent. To encourage large response rates, KEA, KASA, the Kentucky School Boards Association and Jefferson County Teachers Association contributed prize money for weekly drawings.

Winners of the prior weeks' drawings are listed below.

- **Week 1, School:** Munfordville Elementary, Hart Co.
- **Week 1, Educator:** Sandy Swift, College View Middle, Daviess Co.
- **Week 2, School:** Bonnierville Elementary, Hart Co.
- **Week 2, Educator:** Teresa Salmen, Longbranch Elementary, Boone Co.
- **Week 3, School:** Eastside Technical Center, Fayette Co.
- **Week 3, Educator:** Casey County Middle

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Every school that reached a 50 percent response rate was entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 cash award for the school. Schools that reached 100 percent response rates were entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 cash award to go to an individual educator. There also were district-level awards. School and district completion rates are posted on the TELL Kentucky website at www.tellkentucky.org.

The TELL (Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning) Kentucky Survey provides a unique, anonymous opportunity to gather information about school working conditions from those whose views matter most -- practicing educators.

Through March 28, the TELL survey was administered to all Kentucky certified educators employed in the state's 174 school districts. The purpose of the survey is to document and analyze how teachers and other educators view their teaching and learning conditions, so that educators, stakeholders and policymakers can make evidence-based decisions on policies and practices that will improve student achievement and teacher retention.

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